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**Indian Women's Association.***Grant to the Indian Women's Association.*

308 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(1) whether they are aware that the Women's Indian Association started in July 1923 a 'Women's Home of service for the helping and development of Indian women in vocational work' and whether the Home also conducts a Baby Welcome centre; and that the Home is carried on on entirely non-sectarian lines with the help of an advisory committee consisting mostly of prominent Indian ladies; and

(2) whether the Indian Women's Association has applied to the Government for a grant to enable them to carry on the institute next year, and, if so, whether any and, if so, what provision will be made in the next year's budget towards the required grant?

A.—From an application for financial assistance received recently from the Honorary Secretary of the Women's Indian Association it would appear that the facts are as stated in clause (1) of the question. The application is under consideration.

**Local Self-Government.***Travelling allowance drawn by District Board Presidents.*

309 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) the names of presidents of district boards who stood as candidates for the recent elections to the Madras Legislative Council or the Indian Legislative Assembly from this Presidency; and

(2) the number of days spent on tour by them for the quarter (August to October) of 1923 and the amount drawn by them as travelling allowance for this quarter as also the amount for the corresponding quarter (August to October) of the previous year?

A.—(1) A statement showing the names of the Presidents of District Boards who stood for election to the Legislative Council is laid on the table.\* No President of a District Board stood for election to the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The Government have no information.

MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Will the Government be pleased to call for the information required under clause (2)?"

THE HON. THE RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"Mr. President, the information is available from the district boards. If the hon. Member wishes to have that information he can apply to the district boards."

MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"If it is available, cannot the hon. the Minister oblige us with the information?"

(No answer.)



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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ It is a matter of some importance to the House and I would suggest that the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government will be good enough to call for the information. In agreement with the rules regarding interpellations, I shall ask him whether he would be kind enough to call for the information? ”

Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ May I ask the hon. the Minister whether he considers that he should interfere with meticulous details like this when the information can easily be obtained by any member of the district board or from the president of the district board concerned? ”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ I am obliged to my hon. Friend again for his answer this morning ”

*Appointments in the Local Self-Government Department.*

310 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether he is consulted by and whether he does advise His Excellency the Governor with regard to high appointments in the departments administered by him?

A.—The answer is in the affirmative.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I know from the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government whether his advice is usually taken or is usually rejected; if rejected, I would request him to give an instance? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Sir, I am not prepared to answer that question.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ Thank you very much.”

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—“ May I know if the hon. the Minister's advice was rejected in connexion with the appointment of Major Bradfield in the Medical College? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Sir, I decline to answer that question too.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I know from the hon. the Minister whether he advised His Excellency in connexion with that appointment although his advice might not have been accepted by the Government and whether his advice or suggestion to the Governor was for the appointment of Colonel Choudhury? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ I decline to answer that question.”

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—“ Was the appointment of Major Bradfield made during the term the hon. the Minister first held the portfolio? ”

(No answer.)

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—“ May I ask the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government whether before he submitted his resignation of the last term, he had recommended another gentleman for the place? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ I am not prepared to answer that question too.”